

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 with the following paragraph.

Concurrently, those of skill in this field have developed an interest in using directory services as a repository for storing a representation of quality of service policies, and other information about physical and logical elements of the network. Directory services based on the ITU X.500 standard, or based on other standards such as Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), are receiving particular attention. Microsoft Active Directory is an example of a commercial directory service product.